

USPTO Customer No. 25280

Case 9103

**AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS**

Claims 1-41. (Cancelled)

42. (Currently amended) :An extended textile reinforcement layer for hoses, tubes, and similar extended objects, characterized in that said textile reinforcement layer comprises a stiffening component selected from the group consisting of individual threads, individual yarns, and a textile product, said stiffening component ~~being adhered to a textile forming a textile bond with the reinforcement component layer,~~ said stiffening component at normal temperatures ~~will acting~~ as a stiffener of the reinforcement component layer in a direction different from the longitudinal axis of said textile reinforcement layer to be stiffened, particularly in a substantially perpendicular direction to the longitudinal axis of said ~~a~~ hose, tube, or similar extended object to be reinforced, and wherein said stiffening component ~~material~~ has a first melting point which is lower than a second melting point of the reinforcement component layer.
43. (Currently amended) The extended textile reinforcement layer of claim 42, wherein said stiffening component consists of individual threads or yarns.
44. (Currently amended) The extended textile reinforcement layer of claim 42, wherein said stiffening component consists of a textile product.
45. The extended textile reinforcement layer of claim 44, wherein said textile product is selected from the group consisting of a fabric, knitted fabric, knit, double knit, and a fleece.

Claims 46-49. (Cancelled)